## **FACT SHEET**

SUBJECT: DLA's Use of the Worldwide Express (WWX) Contract

## **BACKGROUND:**

- WWX is defined as a series of contracts awarded by U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM)/Air Mobility Command (AMC) for the movement of OCONUS small parcel (1-150 lbs) high priority materiel to four theaters. These contracts cover CONUS-OCONUS, OCONUS to CONUS, and intertheater movement of materiel.
- Before these contracts were awarded, this materiel moved on voluntary tenders (or offers of service) which offered our transportation officers the maximum level of flexibility to make responsive changes to customer needs. To maintain flexibility, DLA advocated the award of multiple carriers to a theater. DLA analysis shows that WWX rates are 35 percent cheaper than rates previously received using tenders.

## **DISCUSSION:**

- On October 1, 1998, our depots were directed to use the WWX contract. In three of the four theaters where multiple carrier awards were made, local transportation officers have the option to choose between the carriers based on best value.
- Depot transportation officers were also directed to begin using this service whenever and wherever commercial air express movement offers a cost and service effective alternative to AMC. DORRA analysis indicates that WWX is cheapest for all packages between 1-150 lbs.
- The exceptions to this policy are the tailored transportation support provided to the Military Services.
  - USAF Agile Logistics Support: In FY 98 DLA shipped more than 800,000 packages in support of USAF Agile Logistics. Packages from 1-150 lbs move via WWX and packages above 150 lbs will move by commercial express carriers on AMC-approved tenders regardless of whether AMC is cheaper. Where applicable, the USAF funds the incremental transportation cost.
  - USN/USMC: Materiel going to their shore units will be shipped via WWX.
     WWX shipments to afloat units is being held in abeyance until the Navy

makes changes to their Cargo Routing Information Management (CRIM) system. Until those changes are made, shipments for most mobile units will be routed through the appropriate AMC aerial port.

- USA: At the request of the Army customer, freight is routed to the Consolidation Containerization Point (CCP) as designated in the address file. This cargo is consolidated on pallets and shipped via ALOC/COMALOC. Packages for selected parts for the M9 ACE, low volume ALOC, and Remote Area Support customers and DoDAACs W55XGJ (Kuwait) and W81GXJ (Saudi Arabia) utilize the WWX contract.
- DLA's third party logistics contractors, cost-reimbursable contractors, and integrated logistics management contractors may also use this contract, if mutually agreed upon by the vendor and the WWX contractor. DLA Medical Prime Vendors are using the WWX contracts. Efforts are currently underway to include the Automotive Prime Vendor--Overseas program in this process.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

<ul> <li>None, for information only.</li> </ul>
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